

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 621 - SB 1383

March 19, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts undergraduate students who are one semester away from graduation, in good standing at the postsecondary institution, and enrolled in a dual degree program, seeking a double major or obtaining a minor in military science from losing the HOPE scholarship once the student has attempted 120 hours.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,115,000/Lottery for Education Account

Other Fiscal Impact – Funding of \$2,115,000 will not be included in the annual statutory transfer of excess lottery funding from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), the provisions of this legislation will impact students attending four-year public and private institutions.
- The HOPE scholarship award at four-year institutions is \$2,250 per semester.
- Beginning in FY17-18 and annually thereafter, TSAC projects 806 students attending four-year public institutions and 134 students attending four-year private institutions will qualify for an average of two additional semesters of HOPE scholarship awards as a direct result of this legislation.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account is estimated to be \$2,115,000 [(806 students + 134 students) x \$2,250].

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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